

SWEET MAY WIELD GAVEL FOR HOUSE

Oswego Man Said To Be Progressive Republicans' Pick for Speaker.

HORTON PUT DOWN FOR FLOOR LEADER

Bull Moose Leaders to Take Up Question of Candidate at Meeting on January 5.

It was reported yesterday that the Progressive Republicans of the state had decided to support Assemblyman Thaddeus C. Sweet, of Oswego, for Speaker of the Assembly; Clinton T. Horton, of Erie, for Republican floor leader, and John Leo Sullivan, of Chautauqua, for chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Oscar L. Mills, treasurer of the Republican County Committee, recently made a tour of the state to determine just what sentiment there was for a progressive organization of the Assembly. On Friday night he had several of the local leaders and a dozen or more of the upstate progressive leaders at a dinner conference at his home, No. 9 East 84th street.

When the attention of Mr. Mills was called to the report that the Progressive Republicans had decided whom they would support in the organization of the Assembly, he said:

"It is true that a conference was held, in which many of the upstate leaders participated, and at which, among other matters of party policy, the names of various candidates for the Speakership of the Assembly were discussed, including the names of Sweet, Horton, Sullivan and Hoff."

"It was not, however, the purpose or function of such a conference to determine the choice of the Assembly for its Speaker, as to any other of its officers, nor was that done."

Mr. Mills said he did not care to give a list of those at the conference. It is understood, however, that among those present were Henry L. Stimson, Representative William L. Calder, of Brooklyn; Representative C. M. Hamilton, of Chautauqua; Frederick C. Greiner, of Buffalo; Harvey D. Hinman, of Binghamton, and Samuel S. Koenig, president of the Republican County Committee.

All of these Assemblymen have been more or less active candidates for Speaker. The Mr. Hoff spoken of is Assemblyman-elect Almer H. Hoff, of the 15th District, Kings County. However, he has not had much strength upstate, and it has been a question as to which of the three others might be able to command the most votes in the Republican caucus as opposed to the candidate of William Barnes, Jr.

Friends of Mr. Sweet have argued that, although he is a Progressive, he would probably be the most formidable candidate against any man that Mr. Barnes might select. He attended the last meeting of the Independent Assemblymen-elect at the Hotel Brevoort, under the auspices of the Progressives. It is believed he would be strong among that group.

Assemblyman Sweet comes from a Progressive district. He was elected on a direct primary platform to succeed a man who was turned down because he had opposed direct primaries. He has always urged this reform. His friends say that he has consistently shown his Progressive tendencies. Mr. Sweet has just been elected to his fifth term in the Assembly.

One of the greatest problems that the Progressive members of the Republican organization have had was to secure a progressive organization of that body. Although Chairman Barnes has denied that Assemblyman Harold J. Hinman, the present Republican floor leader, is his candidate for Speaker, it is pretty well understood that he would secure Hinman's election if he believed it possible. However, the general belief is that he has some man up his sleeve who would carry out the Barnes reactionary ideas if elected.

The Progressive state leaders some time ago organized an independent conference of Assemblymen with the idea of holding the balance of power. This group includes Democrats and Republicans, as well as members of the Progressive organization. They have held several conferences, but have not decided on any candidate for Speaker. They have to be reckoned with, however, when it comes to the election of a Speaker.

Theodore Douglas Robinson, chairman of the Progressive State Committee, has appointed a special state committee to consider the question of Speaker, and has called it to meet in this city on January 5. He believes that by that time the situation will be so complicated that the Progressives may come in such a way as to secure considerable advantage to themselves on committee places.

One thing that the Progressive Republicans have considered is that there must be absolute team work between the Speaker, the Republican floor leader and the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. They believe that in selecting the men for these places the qualifications of each candidate should be considered with reference to all the places.

After the Republican conference at the Waldorf on December 5 there was a conference of Republican Assemblymen-elect at the Republican Club. A resolution declaring against the selection of a candidate for Speaker who might favor the ideas of Chairman Barnes was offered, but failed of passage.

To Increase Postal Deposits.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A bill to remove the limitation on the amount that may be accepted from depositors in the postal savings banks was passed today by the House. The measure permits unlimited deposits, but fixes \$1,000 as the maximum upon which interest shall be paid. Under the present law the limit is \$100 in each calendar month, no account to exceed \$500, exclusive of accumulated interest.

HITS OSCAR'S AGENTS, TOO

Court Extends Opera Injunction to Employees—Appeal Likely.

Final judgment was entered yesterday by Judge Pendleton in the Supreme Court of New York County in the injunction suit brought by the Metropolitan Opera Company against Oscar and Arthur Hammerstein. Under the court's order both and each of them are restrained and enjoined until April 26, 1920, from being or becoming, directly or indirectly, engaged in or interested or connected in the business of producing grand opera in any language in the cities of New York and Boston.

The decree specifically extends the injunction to the agents, employees, attorneys and servants of the defendants. Oscar Hammerstein refused to comment upon Justice Pendleton's injunction except to say that it did not concern him.

THE WEEK'S BILLS IN THE VARIETIES

Eva Tanguay and Her Show Again—Many Novelties Among the Featured Attractions.

EVA TANGUAY, at the head of her own company, continues at the Forty-fourth Street Music Hall this week, presenting practically the same programme. Miss Tanguay is offering all new songs, with new costumes for each number. The customary matinee will be given every day.

LILLIAN LORRAINE heads the anniversary programme at Hammerstein's this week with an elaborate song number and many new gowns. Anna Held's daughter, Lilian Carrara, remains for another week in Irving Berlin's musical comedy, "The Purple Lady," a musical comedy, with her unique specialty, "Maggie Cline," which is known as "The Irish Queen." Sam Mann, who will present "The New Leader," a series of his pantomime version of "baseball" games; Charles Semon, the "narrow fellow"; the Farber Girls, Helen Fleisher, Rafafette's Dog, comedians, Allen Shaw, the Great Ringling, Bob Russell's Harmonists and Savoy.

FRITZ SCHEIFF is the headline feature on the bill at the Fifth Avenue this week. Bert French and Alice Ellis carry second honors with "The Dance of Fortune." Others are the Empire Comedy Four; Mary Elizabeth with songs and stories of her experiences in foreign lands; Jessie Keller and Tommy Veir, the bicyclist and the singer; Van Brothers, grotesques; Claire Vincent and company in the comedy "The Fool"; Les Jontley in feats of equilibrium; Melrea and Byrnes, sharpshooters; Hallen and Burt, musical comedy favorites; Bert Howard and Edie Lawrence in "The Cigar Girl," an amusing motion picture.

JACK NORWORTH, the musical comedy star, with many new songs, is the feature on the bill at the Union Square this week. Another attraction is W. H. St. James and company with the first presentation of a one-act playlet, "The Come-On." A dancing novelty was given by Max and Mabel Ford, two clever members of the Four Famous Fords. Others are Meredith and "Snoozers," the bulldog with a college education; Wallace Galvin, a prestidigitator, with his amusing egg trick; Prevost and Brown, a team of comedy acrobats; O'Brien, Denen and O'Brien in original songs and dances, and Herbert Dyer and Peter Alvin in an exhibition on the flying rings.

LE ROY, TALMA AND BOSCO, "The European Mystery," are at the Alhambra Theatre this week with their illusions. Frederick W. Rowers and company also appear, offering a basket of songs and comedy, and the balance of the programme includes Jack L. Gardner with songs and recitations; Nora Norton and Paul Nicholson in "A Dramatic Cartoon"; "The Girl from Milwaukee," a remarkable vocalist; Arthur Deacon, the musical comedy star; MacRea and Clegg, "The Intruder and the Queen of the Wheel"; Fred Watson and Rona Santos, with vaudeville ideas in songs and dances, and the Four Harveys, European aerialists.

RUE MARQUARD AND BLOSSOM SEIDLEY are the top-line features at the Colonial this week. They are offering a musical comedy skit called "The Suffragette Pitcher." Another headline duo here are Wellington Cross and Lois Lejeune, lately identified with "Oh, I Say," and "The Passing Show of 1918." The remainder of the bill includes Charles J. Ross and Mabel Fenton in a travesty on "Cleopatra"; Belle Blanche, the prima donna comedienne; Joseph Jefferson with Blanche Bender and company in "Poor Old Jim"; Bird Millman Trio on the wire; Burnham and Irwin, a song sketch at the piano; the Six American Dancers in terpsichorean specialties, and Roser's Aerial Dogs.

MITCHELL LAUGHS AT SLATEMAKERS

"If They're Right They Know More than I Do," Says Mayor-Elect—To Meet McCall.

Mayor-elect Mitchell smiled when the work of amateur slate-makers was called to his attention yesterday.

"I have not made up my mind on any of my appointments," he said, "and if the people who wrote that slate are right they know more than I do."

Mr. Mitchell reiterated that he would have no announcement to make prior to December 21, with the possible exception of his secretary. Among the reports were that the Mayor-elect was considering two women—Miss Frances Keller, head of the Progressive social service, and Dr. Katherine B. Davis, manager of the Bedford Reformatory—for some place in his administration.

Mr. Mitchell will come face to face to-night for the first time since his election with Judge McCall, his Democratic opponent. He is to be the guest at the annual dinner of Corrigan Council, Knights of Columbus, at the Waldorf. Judge McCall is to preside. Both men are members of the council.

On Friday night Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will go to Washington to be the guests of Mrs. J. Borden Harriman. They will not return until Monday. It is understood that Mr. Mitchell is anxious to talk with President Wilson before he takes office.

Among the men who saw Mr. Mitchell at his office yesterday were Henry L. Stimson, who was a member of the fusion executive committee; John J. Hopper, formerly chairman of the County Committee of the Independence League and Register-elect, and Edward F. Croker, former chief of the Fire Department.

Mr. Stimson said there was no place in the gift of the Mayor he would take. It was rumored that Mr. Croker was a candidate for Fire Commissioner, but neither he nor Mr. Mitchell would talk about it.

FEAR DEFEAT FOR EARLY CONVENTION

Continued from first page.

in its convention to the colored men who are disfranchised by an arbitrary, militant and unconscionable Democracy—it will have wrought a wrong of far-reaching consequence, that its new slogan of 'just and equal representation' will be a misnomer and that it will have given countenance to a damnable and despotic system.

"It may not be irrelevant to remark that if President Wilson's proposal of a federal primary law should take form and be enacted into a constitutional law the five perplexing problems which I have endeavored to state in an impartial manner would disappear. Even so, the Republican party would, I fancy, continue to hold national conventions, for surely the right of assembly is still left to us as private citizens until the Constitution is repealed."

Charles B. Warren, of Michigan, chairman of the law committee, conferred at the Capitol to-day with Senators Cummins, Nelson, Root and others, and announced that Senator Cummins had no intention of demanding that a national convention should adopt a general party platform.

"Senator Cummins does not expect to appear before the national committee or to submit further views to it," said Mr. Warren. "He does not urge that the convention go further than the proposed change in delegate representation and party rules."

Views of Committeemen.

Senator Borah's demand that the national committee go on record as to its own view of all the proposed changes in party methods drew this statement from Mr. Warren:

"The action of the committee, if it follows the plan I hope it will, will be a complete answer to that. I will offer a resolution providing that in the selection of delegates to the proposed convention state primary laws be recognized. This, coupled with the fact that the convention is called for purposes of reapportionment, will show plainly the attitude of the national committee as to these matters."

Recognition of state primary laws and reduction of the representation from Southern states in the national conventions do not satisfy demands of the more radical forces, who intend to demand that the convention shall take away from the national committee its power to make up the "temporary roll" of the convention and shall give to the Republican organization in each state the right to settle its own delegate contests.

That change, and the provision that each Presidential campaign should be run by the newly elected national committee instead of by the "holdover" committee would satisfy practically all of the demands of the so-called Progressive-Republican forces.

Members of the national committee still expect an effort to force the proposed special convention to take up the question of a new party platform.

Divided as to Time.

Sentiment as to the wisdom of holding a special national convention in 1914 among the members of the Republican National Committee and those holding proxies who came here to attend the meeting to-morrow seemed to be about equally divided to-day. A counter proposition to postpone the proposed special convention until 1915 met with considerable favor.

Those arguing for a postponement of the convention said that a gathering in 1914 would be premature and would only serve to emphasize the bitterness resulting from the Chicago convention. They maintained that there was no necessity for a convention before 1915, as the national committee had all the power necessary to change party rules, although the law committee, after much deliberation, had held that only a national convention could change the rule relative to the apportionment of delegates to a regular national convention.

The argument was also advanced by the conservatives that the delegates to a convention in 1914 would not be strictly representative of the party, as it would be possible for either side to juggle the election of delegates, which would be without the protection of law, and that the progressives would be more likely to get out and hustle up Roosevelt delegations from many of the states.

Boomers for a convention represent states in which are cities making bids for the meeting. Denver is said to be ready with \$50,000 for the convention and St. Louis is reported to be willing to put up \$20,000. Indianapolis and Cincinnati are also seeking the convention. Representatives of the four cities will submit definite propositions to the committee to-morrow, if it is decided that a special convention shall be held.

Governor Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri, Senator Borah, of Idaho; Senator Jones, of Washington, and ex-Representative James E. Watson, of Indiana, have proxies and expect to take an active part in the committee meetings. Governor Hadley holds the proxy of V. Loisel, of Louisiana, while Mr. Watson has the proxy of L. B. Moseley, of Mississippi. Senator Jones has the proxy of S. A. Perkins, of Washington, and Senator Borah that of J. W. Hart, of Idaho.

Other proxies reported to Chairman Hillier are Senator Bradley, of Kentucky, that of J. W. McCullough, of Owensboro, Ky.; Representative Willis C. Hawley, of Oregon, that of R. W. Williams, of Dallas, Ore., and ex-Governor Hoggatt, of Alaska, that of W. S. Bayliss, of Alaska.

MICHIGAN LIKES ROOT

Republicans There Think He Is Presidential Timber.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 15.—Almost without exception political leaders in the state capital are heartily in sympathy with the boom started in Washington Saturday to make Senator Elihu Root, of New York, the Republican candidate for President in 1916.

O. B. Fuller, Auditor General, says he believes that Senator Root would make an ideal candidate for the Presidency on the Republican ticket in 1916, and that he regards the New York Senator as one of the greatest men that the country has produced in years.

L. Y. Wright, ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction, is of the same opinion as Auditor General Fuller. The present Superintendent of Public Instruction, Fred L. Keeler, declared that he was heartily in favor of making Senator Root the candidate.

John Haarer, State Treasurer, declares that Senator Root is one of the most capable men this country has produced in years, and he says he would favor Root's nomination.

A. C. Carlton, Land Commissioner, while believing that Mr. Root has great ability, leans toward Herbert Hadley, formerly Governor of Missouri, as the most available timber for Republican Presidential honors.

Charles Hopkins, clerk of the Supreme Court, thinks Mr. Hadley would make a better candidate than Mr. Root, although he does not question Senator Root's ability.

Being a Democrat, Governor Ferris does not care whom the Republicans nominate.

FUSION CHORUSES ADAMSON'S PRAISE

Eulogizes Campaign Manager and Gives Him a Silver Service.

MAYOR-ELECT SAYS HE WANTS HIS AID

Mentions No Specific Place, but Hints He Is Slated—Hedges Jokes and Is Joked.

Robert Adamson, who was Mayor Gaynor's secretary and who after the death of his chief became manager of the fusion campaign, heard his praises sung last night until he could blush no more. A dinner, which was attended by what was perhaps as representative a body of men as ever sat down in the Waldorf, was given in his honor.

After Mayor-elect Mitchell, Mayor Kline, Controller Prendergast and Borough President McAneny and others had told of Mr. Adamson's worth as a citizen and his achievements as a campaign manager, Commissioner Edwards of the Street Cleaning Department, in a brief speech, presented to him a silver service worth \$100.

Mrs. Adamson, who sat in the gallery with Mrs. Mitchell and nearly one hundred other women, listened to the eulogies of her husband.

John E. Hedges, as toastmaster, made good-natured sallies at every speaker in turn, and they rejoined by reminding him that he had excused himself from taking the campaign managership, first offered to him, because of ill health.

"Nobody is better than any one else here to-night," said Mr. Hedges, "except Adamson, and he doesn't claim to be better than any one else. He has been tried and never found wanting anything he didn't get. He is modest, but tactful."

Mayor Kline said he had found Adamson of the greatest assistance. He said the guest of the evening was a type of the best citizenship.

Mitchell Wants Him.

Introducing Mayor-elect Mitchell, Mr. Hedges said he was not there because he had been elected, that they were not trying to work him not yet—but he was present simply because he was on good terms with Adamson.

"We don't want to hear anything about your policies," said the toastmaster, "we just want to hear about 'Bob' Adamson." Mr. Mitchell said he was glad to pay his tribute to the guest of the evening for undertaking the management of the campaign and bringing it to such a successful conclusion.

"I hope that in the next four years I shall have the help and co-operation of Mr. Adamson in my administration," he said.

"There was a time," said Mr. Mitchell, "that we were looking for a manager. Realizing that there is always a preponderance of Republican votes in any fusion campaign, we sought the 'Noblest Roman of Them All.' We sent a cablegram to Mr. Hedges. When he returned we were glad to see how well he looked. We were surprised to hear from his own lips that he was so ill he could not manage the campaign. We are glad to see to-night how well he has recovered. We understand he does not expect a recurrence of his attack until next fall."

"Next we turned to a distinguished Democrat, Mr. Adamson, who we felt could bring all the fusion elements together. The result was the fusion cause triumphed. Mayor Gaynor had asked him four years ago to assist him in what I regard as perhaps the most important place in the city administration. His success in that place is known to all."

Luther Little said Adamson had driven a team made up of a bull moose, part of a donkey and an elephant so that it crossed the wire ahead of the ticker team. He spoke of a pestilential breeze that had come from Albany. It was not the business of Adamson to fumigate the breeze, he said. He was sailing the ship, and he trimmed the sails so the fusion ship crossed the finish line in front of its opponent.

Called "Deputy Mayor."

President McAneny said he was not using a term drawn too strongly when he said the Mayor's secretary was really deputy Mayor, and that in that capacity Mr. Adamson had made a great success.

"I would wish him the best success in that all too vaguely defined place to which the Mayor-elect has referred," he added, "and in that place I am sure he will give the same fine service."

Controller Prendergast said he, too, was glad that Mr. Mitchell would keep Mr. Adamson in the administration, if he could. He attributed some of Mr. Adamson's ability to read human nature and understand the people to his association with Mayor Gaynor.

William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said he was proud of what Mr. Adamson had done for the election of the Democratic national ticket. He was glad that "quiet efficiency" had been honored at last.

Mr. Adamson, who was overcome when he saw the magnificent silver service brought to the speakers' table, said when he had heard many of the praises he feared for a moment he had not into the wrong dinner. His success, he said, had been due to the fact that he had followed the example of John Hedges, who was secretary to Mayor Strong. He said Hedges had told him to take the managership and he would run the campaign. He had called Hedges up when in doubt, and then had taken just the opposite course.

He praised the work done in the campaign and bringing it to such a successful conclusion.

PERCENTAGE PLAN WINS FAVOR HERE

Young Republicans Would Lessen Power of Solid Republican States.

A plan for the apportionment of delegates to the Republican National Convention on the basis of the party vote in state and district will be laid before the national committee in Washington to-day by Robert McCall, Marsh, chairman of a special committee of the New York Young Republican Club appointed to draw up such a plan. The committee's report was adopted by the club at its last meeting, December 5.

FUSION CHORUSES ADAMSON'S PRAISE

Eulogizes Campaign Manager and Gives Him a Silver Service.

MAYOR-ELECT SAYS HE WANTS HIS AID

Mentions No Specific Place, but Hints He Is Slated—Hedges Jokes and Is Joked.

Robert Adamson, who was Mayor Gaynor's secretary and who after the death of his chief became manager of the fusion campaign, heard his praises sung last night until he could blush no more. A dinner, which was attended by what was perhaps as representative a body of men as ever sat down in the Waldorf, was given in his honor.

After Mayor-elect Mitchell, Mayor Kline, Controller Prendergast and Borough President McAneny and others had told of Mr. Adamson's worth as a citizen and his achievements as a campaign manager, Commissioner Edwards of the Street Cleaning Department, in a brief speech, presented to him a silver service worth \$100.

Mrs. Adamson, who sat in the gallery with Mrs. Mitchell and nearly one hundred other women, listened to the eulogies of her husband.

John E. Hedges, as toastmaster, made good-natured sallies at every speaker in turn, and they rejoined by reminding him that he had excused himself from taking the campaign managership, first offered to him, because of ill health.

"Nobody is better than any one else here to-night," said Mr. Hedges, "except Adamson, and he doesn't claim to be better than any one else. He has been tried and never found wanting anything he didn't get. He is modest, but tactful."

Mayor Kline said he had found Adamson of the greatest assistance. He said the guest of the evening was a type of the best citizenship.

Mitchell Wants Him.

Introducing Mayor-elect Mitchell, Mr. Hedges said he was not there because he had been elected, that they were not trying to work him not yet—but he was present simply because he was on good terms with Adamson.

"We don't want to hear anything about your policies," said the toastmaster, "we just want to hear about 'Bob' Adamson." Mr. Mitchell said he was glad to pay his tribute to the guest of the evening for undertaking the management of the campaign and bringing it to such a successful conclusion.

"I hope that in the next four years I shall have the help and co-operation of Mr. Adamson in my administration," he said.

"There was a time," said Mr. Mitchell, "that we were looking for a manager. Realizing that there is always a preponderance of Republican votes in any fusion campaign, we sought the 'Noblest Roman of Them All.' We sent a cablegram to Mr. Hedges. When he returned we were glad to see how well he looked. We were surprised to hear from his own lips that he was so ill he could not manage the campaign. We are glad to see to-night how well he has recovered. We understand he does not expect a recurrence of his attack until next fall."

"Next we turned to a distinguished Democrat, Mr. Adamson, who we felt could bring all the fusion elements together. The result was the fusion cause triumphed. Mayor Gaynor had asked him four years ago to assist him in what I regard as perhaps the most important place in the city administration. His success in that place is known to all."

Luther Little said Adamson had driven a team made up of a bull moose, part of a donkey and an elephant so that it crossed the wire ahead of the ticker team. He spoke of a pestilential breeze that had come from Albany. It was not the business of Adamson to fumigate the breeze, he said. He was sailing the ship, and he trimmed the sails so the fusion ship crossed the finish line in front of its opponent.

Called "Deputy Mayor."

President McAneny said he was not using a term drawn too strongly when he said the Mayor's secretary was really deputy Mayor, and that in that capacity Mr. Adamson had made a great success.

"I would wish him the best success in that all too vaguely defined place to which the Mayor-elect has referred," he added, "and in that place I am sure he will give the same fine service."

Controller Prendergast said he, too, was glad that Mr. Mitchell would keep Mr. Adamson in the administration, if he could. He attributed some of Mr. Adamson's ability to read human nature and understand the people to his association with Mayor Gaynor.

William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said he was proud of what Mr. Adamson had done for the election of the Democratic national ticket. He was glad that "quiet efficiency" had been honored at last.

Mr. Adamson, who was overcome when he saw the magnificent silver service brought to the speakers' table, said when he had heard many of the praises he feared for a moment he had not into the wrong dinner. His success, he said, had been due to the fact that he had followed the example of John Hedges, who was secretary to Mayor Strong. He said Hedges had told him to take the managership and he would run the campaign. He had called Hedges up when in doubt, and then had taken just the opposite course.

He praised the work done in the campaign and bringing it to such a successful conclusion.

PERCENTAGE PLAN WINS FAVOR HERE

Young Republicans Would Lessen Power of Solid Republican States.

A plan for the apportionment of delegates to the Republican National Convention on the basis of the party vote in state and district will be laid before the national committee in Washington to-day by Robert McCall, Marsh, chairman of a special committee of the New York Young Republican Club appointed to draw up such a plan. The committee's report was adopted by the club at its last meeting, December 5.

FUSION CHORUSES ADAMSON'S PRAISE

Eulogizes Campaign Manager and Gives Him a Silver Service.

MAYOR-ELECT SAYS HE WANTS HIS AID

Mentions No Specific Place, but Hints He Is Slated—Hedges Jokes and Is Joked.

Robert Adamson, who was Mayor Gaynor's secretary and who after the death of his chief became manager of the fusion campaign, heard his praises sung last night until he could blush no more. A dinner, which was attended by what was perhaps as representative a body of men as ever sat down in the Waldorf, was given in his honor.

After Mayor-elect Mitchell, Mayor Kline, Controller Prendergast and Borough President McAneny and others had told of Mr. Adamson's worth as a citizen and his achievements as a campaign manager, Commissioner Edwards of the Street Cleaning Department, in a brief speech, presented to him a silver service worth \$100.

Mrs. Adamson, who sat in the gallery with Mrs. Mitchell and nearly one hundred other women, listened to the eulogies of her husband.

John E. Hedges, as toastmaster, made good-natured sallies at every speaker in turn, and they rejoined by reminding him that he had excused himself from taking the campaign managership, first offered to him, because of ill health.

"Nobody is better than any one else here to-night," said Mr. Hedges, "except Adamson, and he doesn't claim to be better than any one else. He has been tried and never found wanting anything he didn't get. He is modest, but tactful."

Mayor Kline said he had found Adamson of the greatest assistance. He said the guest of the evening was a type of the best citizenship.

Mitchell Wants Him.

Introducing Mayor-elect Mitchell, Mr. Hedges said he was not there because he had been elected, that they were not trying to work him not yet—but he was present simply because he was on good terms with Adamson.

"We don't want to hear anything about your policies," said the toastmaster, "we just want to hear about 'Bob' Adamson." Mr. Mitchell said he was glad to pay his tribute to the guest of the evening for undertaking the management of the campaign and bringing it to such a successful conclusion.

"I hope that in the next four years I shall have the help and co-operation of Mr. Adamson in my administration," he said.

"There was a time," said Mr. Mitchell, "that we were looking for a manager. Realizing that there is always a preponderance of Republican votes in any fusion campaign, we sought the 'Noblest Roman of Them All.' We sent a cablegram to Mr. Hedges. When he returned we were glad to see how well he looked. We were surprised to hear from his own lips that he was so ill he could not manage the campaign. We are glad to see to-night how well he has recovered. We understand he does not expect a recurrence of his attack until next fall."

"Next we turned to a distinguished Democrat, Mr. Adamson, who we felt could bring all the fusion elements together. The result was the fusion cause triumphed. Mayor Gaynor had asked him four years ago to assist him in what I regard as perhaps the most important place in the city administration. His success in that place is known to all."

Luther Little said Adamson had driven a team made up of a bull moose, part of a donkey and an elephant so that it crossed the wire ahead of the ticker team. He spoke of a pestilential breeze that had come from Albany. It was not the business of Adamson to fumigate the breeze, he said. He was sailing the ship, and he trimmed the sails so the fusion ship crossed the finish line in front of its opponent.

Called "Deputy Mayor."

President McAneny said he was not using a term drawn too strongly when he said the Mayor's secretary was really deputy Mayor, and that in that capacity Mr. Adamson had made a great success.

"I would wish him the best success in that all too vaguely defined place to which the Mayor-elect has referred," he added, "and in that place I am sure he will give the same fine service."

Controller Prendergast said he, too, was glad that Mr. Mitchell would keep Mr. Adamson in the administration, if he could. He attributed some of Mr. Adamson's ability to read human nature and understand the people to his association with Mayor Gaynor.

William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said he was proud of what Mr. Adamson had done for the election of the Democratic national ticket. He was glad that "quiet efficiency" had been honored at last.

Mr. Adamson, who was overcome when he saw the magnificent silver service brought to the speakers' table, said when he had heard many of the praises he feared for a moment he had not into the wrong dinner. His success, he said, had been due to the fact that he had followed the example of John Hedges, who was secretary to Mayor Strong. He said Hedges had told him to take the managership and he would run the campaign. He had called Hedges up when in doubt, and then had taken just the opposite course.

He praised the work done in the campaign and bringing it to such a successful conclusion.

PERCENTAGE PLAN WINS FAVOR HERE

Young Republicans Would Lessen Power of Solid Republican States.

A plan for the apportionment of delegates to the Republican National Convention on the basis of the party vote in state and district will be laid before the national committee in Washington to-day by Robert McCall, Marsh, chairman of a special committee of the New York Young Republican Club appointed to draw up such a plan. The committee's report was adopted by the club at its last meeting, December 5.

FUSION CHORUSES ADAMSON'S PRAISE

Eulogizes Campaign Manager and Gives Him a Silver Service.

MAYOR-ELECT SAYS HE WANTS HIS AID

Mentions No Specific Place, but Hints He Is Slated—Hedges Jokes and Is Joked.

Robert Adamson, who was Mayor Gaynor's secretary and who after the death of his chief became manager of the fusion campaign, heard his praises sung last night until he could blush no more. A dinner, which was attended by what was perhaps as representative a body of men as ever sat down in the Waldorf, was given in his honor.

After Mayor-elect Mitchell, Mayor Kline, Controller Prendergast and Borough President McAneny and others had told of Mr. Adamson's worth as a citizen and his achievements as a campaign manager, Commissioner Edwards of the Street Cleaning Department, in a brief speech, presented to him a silver service worth \$100.

Mrs. Adamson, who sat in the gallery with Mrs. Mitchell and nearly one hundred other women, listened to the eulogies of her husband.

John E. Hedges, as toastmaster, made good-natured sallies at every speaker in turn, and they rejoined by reminding him that he had excused himself from taking the campaign managership, first offered to him, because of ill health.

"Nobody is better than any one else here to-night," said Mr. Hedges, "except Adamson, and he doesn't claim to be better than any one else. He has been tried and never found wanting anything he didn't get. He is modest, but tactful."

Mayor Kline said he had found Adamson of the greatest assistance. He said the guest of the evening was a type of the best citizenship.